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SUBJECT: GUATEMALAN RESPONSE TO CONVENTION ON SUPPLEMENTARY
COMPENSATION FOR NUCLEAR DAMAGE

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I1. (SBU) On May 27, Poloff delivered reftel demarche and non-paper to Leila Villatoro, Deputy Director of Multilateral Policy at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Villatoro thanked Poloff for the non-paper and promised to study the material and consult with other members of the Foreign Affairs Ministry. On June 22, Villatoro stated that Guatemala supported the Convention "in principle," adding that the Convention was being studied by the Foreign Affairs Ministry's lawyers to see if it conflicted with any internal Guatemalan laws. Villatoro opined that if the lawyers determined that the initiative did not conflict with local laws, Guatemala could ratify the Convention. She provided no estimate as to how long the legal review might take. Poloff will continue to raise the issue in future meetings.

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